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Mr. Edward E. David, Jr. President Exxon Research and Engineering Co. Post Office Box 101 Florham Park, New Jersey 07932

Dear Ed:

I was delighted to see you at the Rockefeller University Council meeting last week and to enjoy a brief visit with you over lunch. Coincidentally, the following evening I had occasion to see Steve Stamas at the Council on Foreign Relations and took the opportunity to speak with him about the University as well. As I mentioned in our discussion and in my talk with Steve, I would like very much to have Exxon consider renewed support for the University.

As a next step, I thought it would be helpful if we could have a session on the campus with Josh Lederberg and a few of his colleagues to bring you up to date on the range of work currently underway there and also to explore where the company and the University might have some mutual interests. I therefore hope it might be convenient for you and Steve to join us for luncheon at the University on Tuesday, July 28, beginning L at noon. As I will be in Norway for the next two weeks, I have asked my associate, Mrs. Leslie VanDerzee, to be in touch with you to see if this date is convenient.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

David Rockefeller

cc: Dr. Joshua Lederberg Mr. Stephen Stamas